

FALL 2016 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

While no ordinances were passed this fall, four resolution were. Specifically:



- **Resolution No. 06-2016:** A Resolution of the Town declaring a State of General Emergency within the Town Of South Palm Beach due to the threatened, impending impact of Hurricane Matthew as a potential Category 3 hurricane within the Palm Beach County Area;
- **Resolution No. 07-2016:** A Resolution of the Town Council adopting the final millage rate for the Town of South Palm Beach for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017;
- **Resolution No. 08-2016:** A Resolution of the Town Council adopting its final budget for fiscal year 2016-2017; providing that the budget may be adjusted or modified by subsequent Resolution of the Town Council; and
- **Resolution No. 09-2016:** A Resolution of the Town Council designating a member of Town Council who, along with the Town Clerk or her designee, will canvass the Town of South Palm Beach elections and be in attendance for the testing of the electronic systems automatic tabulation equipment, canvass the municipal election along with all absentee ballots, and certify the election results.

MAYLEE DE JESÚS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PBCMCA

On October 27, 2016, South Palm Beach’s Town Clerk Maylee De Jesús was sworn in as the President of the Palm Beach County Municipal Clerks Association (PBCMCA). She has been a member of the PBCMCA since 2009.

Maylee received her Certified Municipal Clerk’s designation in December of 2014 and is now working toward her Master’s Municipal Clerk’s designation.



NEW EMPLOYEE GIGI HORTANCE



Town Manager Vitas started a Graduate Internship Mentoring Program to introduce and attract college graduates into the local government management profession. Our first Intern is Gianne “Gigi” Hortance, a graduate from Palm Beach Atlantic University with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

Since joining the team, Gigi has done an outstanding job assisting in projects for the Town, in several departments. On busy days, you’ll even find her working at the front desk, handling building/permitting matters. Following the Internship, Gigi intends to pursue further education in the field of Law or Public Administration.



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SOUTH PALM BEACH ISLANDS COMPREHENSIVE BEACH STABILIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Since our last newsletter, the Town has learned that the current ownership of the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa have withdrawn from the originally-planned project. Their decision, likely related to the potential financial impact on their business during the height of the tourist season, has moved the start of the beach project from November 2017 until November 2018. That delay caused our project partners at Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management to revise the original project plans as previously presented to the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection. A new Joint Coastal Permit application was submitted on November 7, 2016 to replace the original permit that was withdrawn on July 15, 2016.

At the local level, the Town has now received from Palm Beach County the final easement agreements for the properties located directly on the Atlantic Ocean. During the initial stages of the project we anticipated that all 16 properties would require easements to complete and maintain the project in future years. The County has determined that only 12 of the 16 properties will require a formal easement agreement. Specifically, based upon legal documents reviewed by the County Attorney and surveyors, the Imperial House, Palm Beach Windemere, Mayfair House Ocean, and Horizon East do not.

We expect the easement agreements will go out around January 1st and be returned by the first of February, in which case the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners could consider the easement agreements for approval at their meeting on March 14, 2017.



Bonnie Fischer



POLICE LOG

The Police Department would like to welcome back all of our northern friends and neighbors. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.



We were very fortunate during the 2016 hurricane season. Florida had only two storms; Palm Beach County encountered one “too close for comfort” storm. Even with Hurricane Matthew’s last minute jog to the north, South Palm Beach experienced high gusts of wind and rainsqualls. While the Town’s Police Department was prepared to handle any problem pertaining to the storm and storm surge, the only issue was a live powerline that fell near 4200 S. Ocean Blvd. Officers blocked the roadway until FPL arrived and de-energized the fallen line.

Scammers are using phones to intimidate the vulnerable. They use threats of a loved one’s being arrested looking for bail money or the “you owe IRS money” scam claiming if not paid immediately you will be arrested. If you receive this type of call, hang up. When you receive phone calls from numbers you do not know, do not answer. Also, thieves are sneaking into parking lots, checking for unlocked vehicles. If they find one, they enter the vehicle and take anything of value. Please keep your vehicle locked at all times and remove everything of value.

Finally, we would like to share a troubling commentary pertaining to being today’s police officer. Criminals are ambushing and murdering police officers. This affects everyone because people with no respect for the law might not have an issue harming or killing private citizens. Always remain vigilant and as we’ve said before, if you see something, say something. Help us protect you.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MARCH 2017 LOCAL ELECTION

This will serve to remind everyone that any resident of the Town of South Palm Beach who is a registered voter, and has lived in the Town for at least one year, is eligible to run for the office of Town Council Member.

The offices up for election on March 14, 2017 are Mayor, currently held by Bernice Fischer, as well as two Council Member seats, currently held by Joseph Flagello and Elvadianne Culbertson. If elected, the resident will be on the Council for two years, beginning the fourth Tuesday of March.



Election Qualifying dates are January 31, 2017 at noon through February 14, 2017 at noon. Call Town Clerk Maylee De Jesús at 561.588.8889 with any questions.

3550 CONDOMINIUM PROJECT UPDATE

The 3550 South Ocean project is scheduled to break ground during the first quarter of 2017 and finish construction in 2018.



With pre-construction prices for apartments starting at \$2.3 million, reservations were being accepted until recently. The sales office is now making hard deals with twenty percent due at contract signing.

The two and three bedroom units have ceiling heights approaching ten feet and have large expanses of glass. The luxury apartments will range from 2,500 square feet to just over 3,400 square feet.



The sales center is located at 205 S. Ocean Blvd. in Manalapan, at Plaza Del Mar, and has a small scale replica of one of the units at that location.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



If you have any questions regarding contractors and/or permits, just call the Building Department at 561.588.8889.

BUILDING PERMITS FALL OF THIS AND LAST FISCAL YEAR

FY 2015-16	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015
Issued	38	47	42
Value	\$291,150.05	\$1,082,801.96	\$321,673.23
Fees	\$8,345.24	\$23,976.13	\$8,830.12

FY 2016-17	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016
Issued	50	52	39
Value	\$1,256,689.45	\$671,582.68	\$341,602.06
Fees	\$26,853.26	\$18,101.51	\$9,699.42

COUNCIL SEAT FILLED



On November 17th she was unanimously appointed to serve on the Town Council; on December 20th she took the oath of office.

You know Elvadianne Culbertson as the editor of the South Palm Beach quarterly newsletter, but that's not why she was selected. It was because from an educational perspective coupled with her work background and Town involvement she seems to have been groomed for the role.

Elva has a BS in Business with a minor in Health Care Systems and an MS in Environmental Management. In her over forty years in the labor market, Elva grew from being a statistical clerk in a social planning agency to serving the US Navy as a Logistics Program Manager, overseeing the adherence to budgets and schedules as well as integrating the efforts of dozens of contractors in the upgrading of major Naval systems. Along the way she served as documentation specialist and technical editor of complex, multi-disciplinary publications for the US Navy and the private sector and won international competitions for her work on a professional society newsletter.

Since coming to South Palm Beach in 2005, Elva has been a member of the Community Activities Advisory Board and the Code Enforcement Board and has attended over 100 Regular Town Meetings. For the past four years she has been the Secretary/Treasurer of her condominium.

We look forward to using Elva's skill set when we undertake the re-codification project that is moving up on our Town's priority list.



NEW EMPLOYEE JOSE RODRIGUEZ

Following the resignation of one of our police officers, we hired Jose Fernandez to replace the open position.

After proudly serving as part of the United States Marine Corp, he became a New York City Police Officer, ultimately earning the rank of a Lieutenant. Officer Fernandez retired after serving over twenty years with NYPD. Prior to being hired in South Palm Beach, Officer Fernandez was employed by the Manalapan Police Department.

Officer Fernandez will be a true asset to our police department and the Town of South Palm Beach.



WE MOURN THE LOSS OF COUNCIL MEMBER WOODROW "WOODY" GORBACH



Just a few weeks before, he closed on a condo sale. And then on October 31, 2016 we lost him.



Born in 1924, Woody was the youngest of six children. He graduated from the Castle Heights Academy and the University of Bridgeport and, at the age of 19, enlisted in the US Army. Serving in the 34th Infantry Division, Woody's transport to Italy was bombed. His first exposure to combat was at the Battle of Monte Cassino where within a few days he contracted a case of trench foot. It was severe enough that he had to be hospitalized for several weeks. When he returned, it was to the tragic news that his platoon had been wiped out. The bloody battle at Anzio beach was almost as harrowing to him. For his World War II participation, Woody was awarded both the Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre, but the devastation never really left him.

Back home, he started going to law school but his father's death brought Woody into the real estate business. It was then that he met Lois, the love of his life. Her hesitancy to tie the knot was soon overcome and in 1955 they married. Woody built up a successful business and he and Lois had a very happy marriage. Like most couples they had their ups and downs yet nevertheless had three beautiful children - - Donald, Eric, and Andrea - - each of whom wound up in real estate. They came down from Connecticut to Florida to help Eric through an illness but after 18 months of trying had to see each other through the unbearable experience of losing a son to cancer.



Woody tried retiring but boredom drove him back to the real estate business. Then, at the age of 90 he became a Council Member in South Palm Beach. At an age when most people are very sedentary, Woody pushed the community to expand its 60th anniversary celebration to include a car show. That was February. By May, he used that same tenacity to organize a Memorial Day fête where he himself spoke, finally able to speak with pride and nostalgia of his World War II experiences.

At his funeral, friends and family spoke of him with tears and love, but also with a touch of humor. The tale was told that when Woody proposed to Lois, she said, "Marry you. I'm not even sure I want to date you." He would have been so pleased that his story was shared.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB) 21ST SEASON OF EVENTS



You are welcome to attend a CAAB meeting, which occurs in Town Chambers on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. There you can be part of the planning for our many programs! We are always seeking new members with new ideas. Call Sandy for further information at 561.588.8889.

MUSIC AND LECTURE SERIES

You will not want to miss any part of this terrific season of entertainment. Purchase your tickets now, as there is limited seating in Town Chambers — first come, first served! Tickets are \$70 per person per series for Town of South Palm Beach Residents ONLY and \$85 per person per series for any attendee residing outside the Town of South Palm Beach.

Music Series- 7:30 PM

- January 4th -Yoko Sata Kothari-Piano Recital
- January 18th - “Anything Goes!” (Gershwin/Porter) with Soprano Karen Braunstein
- February 1st - “Piano Recital/Vocal Fireworks” with Dr. Robert Sharon and Blagica Pop Tomoza -Soprano
- February 15th -Evening of Songs for Valentine’s Day with Dr. Mark Aliapoulis – Baritone and Mandy Henrichsen - Soprano
- March 1st – “The Beauty of Chorale Singing” with The Robert Sharon Chorale
- March 15th – “From the Met to Broadway” with Alicia Branch – Soprano and William Stafford – Baritone

Lecture Series 7:30 PM

- January 11th and 12th - Dr. Kevin Wagner
Topic: “Election 2016 Revisited: Looking Forward, Looking Back”
- January 25th and 26th – Dr. Angela Nichols
Topic: “Protecting the Most Vulnerable: Refugees and Victims of Human Trafficking”
- February 8th and 9th – Dr. Burton Atkins
Topic: Musical Films as Political History: “1776”
- February 22nd and 23rd - Dr. Andrew Kahn
Topic: ”Changing American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Israel”
- March 8th and 9th – Beryl Blecher
Topic: “A Life in Diplomatic Service from Tokyo to Moscow to the EU”
- March 22nd and 23rd – Dr. Robert Watson
Topic: “The Nazi Titanic”

THE ROBERT WELSTEIN QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE

January 9th - March 27th on Mondays from 10:30 AM until noon in Town Chambers
Attendees will particularly enjoy this season’s free very popular Quest for Knowledge Program. The speakers and their topics are as follows:

Rabbi Leonid Feldman: “The New Middle East”

Joseph Karp: “How Will the Election Results Affect your Estate Planning

Robert Krasner “Continuing Adventures of My Father/Ballet Dancer, Mother/Lumberjack

Steven Daniels “Analysis and Predictions on How the New President Will Handle the Middle East”

Rochelle Walters “Academy Awards”

Rabbi Barry Silver – Controversial Issues

Dr. B. Wollschlaeger – “A German Life Against All Odds”

Natalie Schneider – “PBC Responds with Resiliency with Regard to Climate Change”

Judge Lisa Small – To be announced

Donald Singer - “Where Do We Go From Here?”

WELLNESS LECTURES

CAAB has expanded its free Wellness Speakers’ Program, held in Town Hall, on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM until noon. There is always time for Q & A which has been found to be very helpful to the attendees. Complimentary refreshments will be available.

Bethesda East/West Hospitals:

January 12th – Dr. Juan Agudelo – Orthopedics - “Hip & Knee Pain Treatments”

January 26th – Dr. Raymond Leveillee, Urologist - “Prostate Cancer”

March 9th - Dr. John Wang – Orthopedic Surgeon – “Anterior Hip Replacement”

Delray Medical Center:

February 9th - Dr. Lloyd Zucker – Neurosurgery – “Spinal Stenosis

February 23rd - Dr. Joseph Ricotta – Endovascular Surgery – “PVD and Venous Disease”

March 23rd - Dr. Steven Cohen - Cardiologist - “Staying Heart Healthy”

OTHER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The free Art Shows (with complimentary refreshments) take place on the 2nd Sunday of January, February, and March from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Work by artists who have never had their work displayed in the Town of South Palm Beach will be on exhibit. These shows have always been a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon with friends and neighbors.

The free Ice Cream Socials take place on the 3rd Sunday of January, February, and March from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

The Town’s Saturday morning Yoga Classes (9:30 to 10:30 AM) have been such a huge success that we are planning to add another Yoga Class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM (except when the Art Show and Ice Cream Socials are held)

On Wednesday mornings, beginning January 11th from 9:00 until 10:00 AM, we are planning another exciting new program, TAI CHI. The fee is \$5 per person, per class. No pre-registration is required.

Another one of the Town’s very popular free programs is the Book Discussion Group. Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM from November through April, there is always a lively and stimulating discussion regarding each book. The books can be picked up at Town Hall. There is no pre-registration necessary, and walk-ins are always welcome.

Last, but not least, are the bus trips to exciting places for the upcoming season. One of the favorites is the Hard Rock Casino, which always draws a lot of interest. Please check your condominium’s bulletin board and/or Channel 99 for further information.

